

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

November 7, 1957  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

## Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works.

Invocation was delivered by MR. JACK CARTER, All Saints Episcopal Church, 209 West 27th Street.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of October 31, 1957, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

MR. ED ST. JOHN, representing the Highland Lakes Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, submitted plans and recommendations for the long range improvement of the Walsh Tract recently acquired by the City. The Committee had met with the Navigation and Parks Boards. The recommendation was to excavate an area for the boat ramps, and fill another area 100' from the shore line, and set aside a slip for the use of commercial boats. The remainder of the area was to be developed as picnic grounds with proper roadways, concession stands, places for purchasing gasoline and oil for the boats, and provisions made for spectators for special activities. Mr. St. John asked that the City take advantage of the lowering of the lake to get some of the plans under way. The Mayor outlined plans of the city for boat launching and landing, and a fence. Lowering of the lake would probably be postponed until after the first of the year at the request of the L.C.R.A.; but when the lake was lowered, some of the work would be done. The Mayor and Council members thanked the group for its recommendations. MR. MARION FOWLER and MR. THOMAS PERKINS took part in the discussions.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER  
INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH NASH PHILLIPS AND

CLYDE COPUS, JR.; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION  
OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH  
CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PERPETUALLY VACATING AND CLOSING  
THAT CERTAIN ALLEY TWENTY FEET IN WIDTH TRAVERS-  
ING BLOCK 3 OF LAUREL HEIGHTS, IN THE CITY OF  
AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING AN  
EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGEWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES  
IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE  
REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE  
SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Pearson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Pearson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Pearson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller announced that the following zoning application had been withdrawn:

RAYMOND RAMSEY                      1219-1221 Corona Drive                      From "A" Residence  
To "GR" General Retail

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on November 5, 1957, for the construction of Sections I and II, Manchaca Road area sanitary sewer from a point on West Bouldin Creek east of the south end of Thornton Road to the Porter Junior High School on Prather Lane; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Austin Engineering Company in the sum of \$56,481.40 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of the Water and Sewer Department of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Austin Engineering Company in the sum of \$56,481.40 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Austin Engineering Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

Councilman White introduced the following ordinance and moved that it be published in accordance with Article I, Section 6 of the City Charter:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 10.24 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that

the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

Pursuant to published notice thereof the following zoning applications were publicly heard:

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| TEXAS STATE BANK<br>By W.W. Patterson | 1903 San Antonio Street | From "B" Residence<br>To "LR" Local Retail<br>RECOMMENDED by the<br>Planning Commission |
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Mr. Raymond Ramsey appeared only in the interest of a traffic pattern in the area. Mr. W. W. Patterson appeared representing the Texas State Bank. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "LR" Local Retail to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "LR" Local Retail and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance.

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| AUSTIN NATIONAL BANK,<br>Trustee, George K.<br>Meriwether, III<br>By Trueman O'Quinn | 5001-11 Interregional<br>Highway; 5000-10 Cameron<br>Road; 1101-05 East 51st<br>Street | From "C" Commercial<br>To "C-2" Commercial<br>RECOMMENDED by the<br>Planning Commission |
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No opposition appeared. Mr. Trueman O'Quinn appeared representing the applicant. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "C-2" Commercial to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-2" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance.

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| CAPITOL CITY LUMBER<br>COMPANY | 808014 Justin Lane | From "D" Industrial<br>To "C-1" Commercial<br>RECOMMENDED by the<br>Planning Commission |
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No opposition appeared. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
 Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-1" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance.

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| PLANNING COMMISSION<br>AREA STUDY | 2300-50 & 2301-55 Rosewood<br>Avenue; 1150-54 Walnut<br>Street | From 2nd Height and<br>Area<br>To 1st Height and<br>Area<br>RECOMMENDED by the<br>Planning Commission |
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Discussion was held on omitting Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 for further study, due to their shallow depth. The Mayor asked those who wished to change the height and area from 2nd Height and Area to 1st Height and Area on all except Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
 Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to 1st Height and Area on all except Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance.

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| S. B. WINGFIELD | 6318-6320 Del Monte<br>Road | From "A" Residence<br>To "C" Commercial<br>NOT Recommended by the<br>Planning Commission |
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Opposition was submitted by representative from the Montopolis Baptist Church and expressed through letters. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "C" Commercial to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: None  
 Noes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

The Mayor announced that the change had been DENIED.

MR. JAMES L. GRIZZARD, 4713 Bull Creek Road, appeared in opposition to paving 49th Street, as he did not believe it was urgent at this time. He owned 40% of the footage. The other property owners on the street had petitioned for the paving. The Council stated it would go look at the situation there and let him know; but if the street were paved, the Council asked Mr. Grizzard to try to see his way clear to come in on the voluntary paving program.

DR. GIVENS appeared before the Council in the interest of JEROME HILL, who has cultivated some unusual Hibiscus plants, and asked that the Council suggest to the Highway Department that it use these plants for landscaping the Interregional Highway. The Council was invited to go by and see these plants at 1909 Tillotson.

MR. KNOX WRIGHT, GR 2-6117, was interested in purchasing two lots on the corner of South 3rd Street and Elizabeth. The Mayor stated a new appraisal would be made and the Council would look into the matter, and see whether or not the lots would be advertised for sale.

The City Manager stated some offers and inquiries had been made for the purchase of the old Pan American Center. The Mayor suggested that the City Manager go ahead and advertise it for sale.

The City Manager submitted a request of NELSON PUETT that a new subdivision, South Oaks on Manchaca Road, be annexed. He outlined some problems that had arisen with regard to this being in a water district and subject to paying taxes if the District levied taxes. He suggested different possibilities--making another point of delivery for the Water District, but this would not provide sewage facilities; or work out some kind of agreement which could be recorded that would make it clear that the property was subject to taxation by the water district in addition to city taxes, if annexed. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Puett be contacted and invited down to discuss the matter.

Discussion was held on the following memo from Mr. Albert Davis:

"November 4, 1957

"Memorandum To: Mayor Tom Miller  
Memorandum From: Albert R. Davis, Director Water and Sewer Department  
Subject: Sanitary Sewer for Geo. Shepherd

"I discussed the matter of utilities on Bull Creek Road from Balcones Trail to Northland Drive with Geo. Shepherd and David Barrow. Both agreed to pay for paving of Bull Creek Road abutting their property. Under a paving project the Water and Sewer would be done by the City at least to the extent of the cost of the paving, and the balance to go on a Refund Contract.

"Public Works investigated the paving and elected not to push it at this time on account of drainage difficulties.

"Mr. Shepherd, after hearing that paving was not imminent, asked for an Estimate of the cost of a Sanitary Sewer Main to be extended from in front of David Barrow's office to the 7-11 Store.

"Our estimate of the cost was \$2,145.00. I called his office and left the information. Approximate Date, August 25, 1957."

The matter was turned over to the City Manager to have Mr. Davis inform Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Barrow.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (\$4,117.10 for printing  
the Austin Development Plan)

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by the City of Austin for the printing of the Austin Development Plan, including one thousand five hundred (1,500) copies of the Technical Report, seven thousand five hundred (7,500) copies of the Popular Report, and fifteen thousand (15,000) copies of the map of the plan; and,

WHEREAS, Joe Alexander Company with his bid of \$4,117.10 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Planning Commission of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Joe Alexander Company in the sum of \$4,117.10 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Joe Alexander Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

The Director of Public Works gave a report on status of paving Hancock Drive from the Railroad to Strass Drive in that 93% of the people from the Railroad to Bull Creek Road wanted paving; 92% up to Finley; from Finley to Strass there were some who did not want to pave. The total amount from the Railroad to Strass was 84.4%. He stated the response to paving had been so good in this area, it was planned to pave from Shoal Creek to Burnet Highway in the 1959-60 scheduling.

Discussion of the paving of Newning Avenue was held, where one man had promised to pave, but now, he said he was not going to pay for the paving. It was stated to go ahead and assess him.

The City Manager discussed the proposed North-East Drive, an extension of Springdale Road, connecting with Anderson Lane. Letters had been written to the Mayor and Council that right-of-way would be given if the City would guarantee curbs, gutters and paving by January 1, 1959. Three thousand feet would be necessary to be dedicated--or about six acres. The cost to do the paving and drainage would run about \$45,000. The City Manager recommended an alternate of asking the County, since it is starting the project from the Interregional Highway now, to include the whole thing as one project, and the City reimburse the County for the part that is in the City, which would run about \$4,000 for a 44' roadway plus the drainage. The City Manager was asked to contact MR. IAN MORGAN, County Engineer, and work this out.

Councilman White inquired about the request of the J. W. POPHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for certain things and for lower water rates. The letter addressed to the Mayor and City Council was turned over to the City Manager for reply.

Councilman Pearson moved that MISS LORRAINE MURRAY be appointed as a member of the Navigation Board. (Term to expire January 1, 1959; replacing Miss Marguerite Warren who moved from the City.) The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

Councilman Pearson moved that the appointment of REV. JOHN BARCLAY to the Advisory Hospital Board be confirmed. (Term to expire May 25, 1960.) The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

Councilman Pearson submitted a petition with about 241 signatures asking that the City furnish a swimming pool and playground for the Montopolis area. The matter was turned over to the City Manager for report.

The Director of Public Works gave a report on paving Matthews Drive from Stevenson to Gilbert, in that 74.8 had signed up. The Council indicated approval of going ahead with the paving.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 12:45 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Tom Miller  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elin Thorsley  
City Clerk